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## **Sign-up begins for natural resource teacher rendezvous**

CHEYENNE - Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom (WAIC) extends an invitation to all Wyoming teachers to relive history and experience the outdoors at the 2008 Natural Resource Discovery Rendezvous June 10-12, 2008.

Registration for the class begins March. 1.

"I enjoyed the course, the new ideas, and especially the type of activities that can be developed. It was great to see my peers and colleagues and all the different agencies actively involved in the education of our youth," said Dixie Roth, Wyoming teacher and participant a previous year's course.

Teachers and participants will explore western Wyoming in the area of Lyman, Wyo. in Uinta County. This area has made history in many ways through innovations in agriculture and natural resources, and the rendezvous is an opportunity to learn about the history and future of this diverse area.

The Rendezvous workshop presents new ways for teachers to integrate a variety of subjects to students, including how teachers can take their class on a successful outdoor lesson about agriculture and natural resources.

This year's Rendezvous will take participants through the life on a cattle ranch, plant and soil ecology, forestry, water monitoring, enterprise diversification, alternative energy, rangeland management and local history, while also discovering western Wyoming's beauty and vast natural resources.

Western hospitality meals will be offered, and leaders of the agricultural and natural resource community will join the event. These hands-on, interactive activities will teach how to incorporate agriculture and natural resources into a classroom and state standards while meeting new people.

In addition, all course materials have been linked with the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards to present social studies, science, mathematics, economics and natural resources into one package.

The workshop helps teachers translate "core objectives" into "real world" examples and activities for students. All activities are hands-on and participants will take home samples, lesson plans and activity forms.

"Participants will gain knowledge and confidence in exploring the outdoor environment with students, teachers and community members in areas of agriculture, natural resources, fisheries, desert habitat, forest monitoring, and natural gas production," said Sarka White, WAIC education director. "The rendezvous is designed to provide an environment to share ideas, resources and knowledge with others interested in educating students about Wyoming's natural resources."

The course registration fee is \$30 per person, which covers four meals, snacks and all course materials. This year for the first time, the course fees will be waved and refunded upon completion of the class, thanks from funds established by the Uinta County Conservation district and the Fort Bridger Valley community. University of Wyoming NASC 5959 credit or Professional Teaching Standards Board credit is available for educators. For more information, please contact Sarka White, WDA / WAIC Education Director at 307-777-6618 or by e-mail [swhite@state.wy.us](mailto:swhite@state.wy.us). Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.wyomingagclassroom.org](http://www.wyomingagclassroom.org)

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